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Whitehall Overseer's Quarters AA-326 A

Before being converted into a carport, this log structure had a large central chimney and was partitioned into two separate rooms, each with its own front entrance. The house presumably served as a duplex for slave families.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AA-326-A  
DOI #0324-00

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Whitehall Overseer's Quarter (Log Duplex)  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Whitehall Road

CITY, TOWN

St. Margaret's

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Ruth Taylor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Whitehall Road

CITY, TOWN

St. Margaret's

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historic Sites Survey

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historic Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

7-56-58

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This log duplex has been extensively modified. It has been converted into a two car carport, sheathed with wood shingles, and had its roof raised about two feet. Furthermore, the flooring downstairs and the partition that separated the two rooms have been removed. It does, however, convey the division of space in a duplex, and is similar in this regard to the duplex at East St. Mary's Manor in St. Mary's County.

The length of the house runs south to north; the front faces east. Originally a brick chimney stood in the center of the interior (as at East St. Mary's Manor) with fireboxes opening into each room. A plank partition on either sides of the chimney divided the rooms. A stairway, larger than those found in most slave cabins, ascended the gable wall on each side. The bottom landing indicates the presence of the former floor, which was laid about a foot above the ground. Each room had a window that opened to the west on the ground floor.

The houses measures c. 30' x c. 15' each room having been c. 15' x 15'.

In the upstairs a window was cut into each gable room. Unlike the duplex at East St. Mary's Manor, there is no partition dividing the upstairs chamber into two rooms, but this partition may well have been removed when the occupants moved out and the upstairs converted for storage use. The original roof was removed and the rafters replaced with those from different structures.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The main house, White Hall, of the plantation on which the overseer's house and building were located, is on the National Register.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

2/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Commission On Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 West Madison Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Baltimore, Maryland

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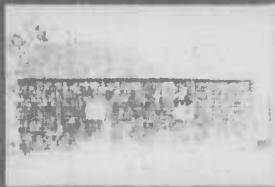
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"Old Whitehall  
Overseers House"  
South Elevation

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White Hall Oversee's  
Quarter (Log Duplex)

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MAZ, Annapolis

North Elevation



Log Duplex - White Hall Overseer's  
Quarter

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East Elevation